



I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Disability Advisory Panel will be held on:

Date: Monday, 30 May 2016
Time: 10.00am
Meeting Room: Council Chamber, Ground Floor
Venue: Auckland Town Hall
301-305 Queen Street
Auckland Council

Disability Advisory Panel OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Clive Lansink
Deputy Chairperson	John Herring
Members	Colleen Brown, MNZM, JP Dan Buckingham Jade Farrar David Hughes Nicola Keyworth Gerard Martin Don McKenzie, CNZM, OBE Susan Sherrard Ursula Thynne
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TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference set out the purpose, role and protocols of the Panel.

Panel members will also be expected to abide by the Code of Conduct for members of Auckland Council advisory panels.

Purpose

The purpose of the panels is to provide strategic advice to the Council on issues of significance to their communities and to advise on effective engagement by Council with those communities.

Outcomes

The Panel will provide advice through an agreed annual work programme, integrated wherever possible, with other panels and approved by the Regional Strategy and Policy Committee.

Annual work programme

The Council will advise the Panel of the areas of strategy, policy and plan development that are likely to require comment or advice from the Panel during the course of the year. The work programme should also provide scope for the Panel to respond to issues and concerns arising from its communities and to develop its own priorities.

As resources allow, budget is available for the Panel to support activities that clearly contribute to the agreed work programme but the Panel may not access external resources for activities or events, except with the agreement of Council

Submissions

Panel advice will contribute to Council decision-making, but panels will not make formal submissions on Council strategies, policies and plans, for example, the Long Term Plan. In their advisory role to the Council, Panels may have input to submissions made by the Council to external organisations but do not make independent submissions, except as agreed with Council.

This does not prevent individual members being party to submissions outside their role as Panel members.

* The above information is a summary of the 2014 Terms of Reference document and is based on the Governing Body decisions of 19 December 2013

Review

The form and functioning of the Panel may be reviewed prior to or after, the end of the Panel term in September 2016.

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1 Apologies

Apologies from Member D Buckingham and Member G Martin have been received.

2 Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting held on Monday, 4 April 2016 as a true and correct record.

4 Extraordinary Business

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

- (a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and
- (b) The presiding member explains at the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public,-
 - (i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
 - (ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.”

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.”

Item 5 - Auckland Transport presentation

File No.: CP2016/07888

Purpose

1. To provide an update on Auckland Transport's plans for accessibility.

Executive Summary

2. Jacki Dawson from Auckland Transport will provide a verbal update on Auckland Transport's plans for accessibility.

Recommendation/s

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) receive the verbal update from Jacki Dawson on Auckland Transport's plans for accessibility.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Signatories

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Item 6 - Auckland Design Office

File No.: CP2016/10008

Purpose

1. To introduce two new members of the Auckland Design Office to the Panel.

Executive summary

2. Elise Copeland and Philip Wihongi have recently joined the Auckland Design Office. Elise is the Principal Specialist – Universal Access and Design and Philip is the Māori Design Leader.
3. Elise and Philip will provide an overview of their role within the Auckland Design Office to the Panel.

Recommendation/s

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) receive the introduction and role overview from the two members of the Auckland Design Office.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Signatories

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Item 7 - Disability portfolio update

File No.: CP2016/09562

Purpose

1. To update the Disability Advisory Panel on Auckland Council initiatives to improve access and inclusion, implemented between February and April 2016.

Executive Summary

2. The Auckland Plan articulates a vision for the world's most liveable city, as a place where all people are included, able to move freely and can physically access its opportunities.

Disability Operational Action Plan

3. Supporting and improving access and inclusion is the core purpose of the Disability Advisory Panel (DAP). The five priorities for the 2014-2016 DAP work programmes are:
 - employment
 - transport
 - accessibility
 - housing
 - communication.
4. In December 2015, Auckland Council completed the Disability Operational Action Plan (DOAP). The five initiatives were developed in line with the DOAP priorities.
5. The DOAP details how the wider council family will focus resources on activities that make a positive difference to people with disabilities. The plan identifies a range of practical and achievable actions that build on commitments made in existing strategy and policy documents.
6. Up to July 2016, a key focus has been monitoring the implementation of the four key themes within the plan. The DOAP's themes are:
 - creating accessible buildings, places and spaces
 - knowledge, communications and engagement
 - events and services
 - our workplace.

Specific council access and inclusion activities (February 2016 – April 2016):

7. To support accessibility and inclusion outcomes, the Community Empowerment Unit provides advisory support to DAP and the disability community. Between February and April 2016, staff undertook five initiatives to improve access and inclusion across Auckland:
 - facilitated the Disabled Women's Forum
 - collaborated with Maori disability organisations on making the upcoming Council elections more accessible and culturally inclusive
 - co-hosted the International Access to the Environment and Transport Forum
 - participated in a co-hosted Age-Friendly Auckland Forum
 - participated in an Auckland University of Technology disability research think tank.
8. The initiatives were developed in line with the priorities laid out in the Disability Operational Action Plan.

Disabled Women's Forum

9. For International Women's Day (8 March 2016) the Disabled Women's Forum highlighted the achievements of disabled women in New Zealand.
10. Staff provided capacity-building advice to the forum's planning committee. This took the form of connecting the committee with community funding opportunities and brokering relationships to increase forum attendance and the network itself.
11. Key note speakers included representatives from CCS Disability Action, People First New Zealand, the Blind Foundation, Deaf Aotearoa and Auckland Council.
12. Staff presented on council's work to improve outcomes for the disability community in Auckland. To date, this has included development of the community empowerment approach and continuing development of the Disability Operational Action plan.
13. The forum highlighted that the issues and barriers remain in areas of accessible transport, facility design, employment and the enjoyment of the natural environment for access consumers. Community Empowerment Unit staff will continue to support community organisations and individuals to navigate Council processes and develop capability to better advocate the needs of their representative communities.

Collaboration with Maori disability organisations

14. Staff collaborated with Te Roopu Waiora and Karanga Maha (whanau haua/disabled Maori groupings and organisations) to progress the He Tohu Whakawaiora training programme.
15. The training programme supports organisations working with disabled Maori to develop cultural competency.
16. Staff supported the participating Maori organisations by:
 - providing links to various disability organisations
 - providing learnings on past elections that impacted the disability community
 - instigating discussions on the importance of encouraging the disability community to vote in local elections
 - planning the delivery of active citizenship training to make the upcoming local elections more accessible and culturally inclusive.
17. Council is currently working on improving electoral website accessibility, adding NZ sign language to the Auckland elections website and planning to provide personal assistance for blind and vision impaired people, to help complete electoral forms.

Auckland Arts Festival – audio described and sign interpreted performances

18. During the 2016 Auckland Arts Festival (March) organisers were supported to include audio described and sign interpreted performances of at least six performances at the Q Theatre.
19. Use of audio described and sign interpreted performances enabled blind, low vision and deaf patrons to access and enjoy the arts.

Local board work programme development

20. Accessibility plans assist local boards to identify opportunities to improve access and inclusion in their local area.
21. Staff identified an opportunity for the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board to develop a formal accessibility plan. This has been included in their draft 2016-2017 work programme.
22. Waitemata Local Board are updating their existing accessibility plan and held a workshop on community access needs in April 2016.

International Access to the Environment and Transport Forum

23. Auckland Council co-hosted an International Access to the Environment and Transport Forum with the World Blind Union (13-15 April 2016). This was attended by stakeholders from as far afield as the United Arab Emirates and Africa. It focussed on:
- showcasing the accessible shared spaces for blind and low vision persons in the Central Business District around Elliott, Ford and Darby Streets
 - drafting position statements on shared spaces, to be recommended internationally
 - making recommendations around access to traveling with a guide dog and international travel in general
 - highlighting issues relating to quiet hybrid and silent vehicles for blind and low vision pedestrians
 - promoting best practice principles, goals and examples.
24. A report will be tabled from Blind Citizens New Zealand to Auckland Transport and the Community Empowerment Unit at the end of May 2016, outlining the forum's findings and recommendations.

Age-Friendly Auckland Forum

25. On 17 March 2016, the Auckland District Council of Social Services and Auckland Council's Seniors Advisory Panel co-hosted an Age-Friendly Auckland Forum.
26. Staff presented on council services and environmental factors that impact on the disability and seniors' community. Solutions to current issues presented, included the aged sector working alongside the disability sector to influence drafting of the Auckland Transport Disability Action plan.

Auckland University of Technology Disability Research Think Tank

27. In April 2016, Auckland University of Technology hosted a disability research collaboration think tank. The three aims of the think tank were to:
- identify and prioritise health issues for deaf and disabled people, and people living with disabilities in New Zealand
 - build research clusters with researchers and disability advocates
 - create a programme of possible research projects.
28. The research topics discussed, included:
- updating New Zealand legislation in the area of access to the built environment
 - best practice in universal design
 - guidelines around the prevention of domestic abuse of disabled persons.

Next update

29. This report outlines initiatives to improve access and inclusion, implemented between February and April 2016. Staff will provide a further update on activity in six weeks' time.

Recommendation/s

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) receive the update on access and inclusion initiatives across council.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Signatories

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Item 8 - Waitemata Local Board Accessibility Plan Review

File No.: CP2016/10005

Purpose

1. To provide a verbal summary of a presentation concerning a review of the Waitematā Local Board Accessibility Plan.

Executive summary

2. At a meeting of the Inner City Network held on 28 April 2016, a presentation was made concerning a review of the Waitematā Local Board Accessibility Plan.
3. The meeting was attended by John Herring, Deputy Chairperson of the Disability Advisory Panel who will provide the Panel with a verbal summary of the meeting.

Recommendation/s

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) receive the verbal update concerning a review of the Waitematā Local Board Accessibility Plan.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Signatories

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Item 9 - Disability Advisory Panel Work Programme

File No.: CP2016/10011

Purpose

1. To update the Panel on progress with the work programme.

Executive summary

2. A summary of progress with the work programme up to 30 May 2016 is contained in Attachment A.
3. The Panel Chair will present for discussion two items concerning accessibility issues and recent experiences of individuals with disabilities.

Recommendation/s

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) note progress with the Panel's work programme.
- b) receive the presentation from the Chair of the Panel.

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Disability Advisory Panel – Work Programme - Updated 30 May 2016

Key Programmes and Priorities	Sub-programmes	Other key agencies or relevant council policies and strategies	Delivery	Implementation	Overlap with other Panels	Planned date	Progress to 30 May 2016
Transport	Input to AT (directly and via CPAG and PTAG) to support universal access in its designs and service delivery; including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ongoing input to support accessible public transport that is user-friendly and safe around rail crossings, terminals and interchanges promotion of the need for clear signage and audible information on transport movements, destinations and timetables. 	Auckland Transport	Arts, Community and Events	Auckland Transport	YAP SAP	Ongoing	<p>Regular updates to the Panel will continue to be provided by Martine Abel the Specialist Advisor Community Empowerment.</p> <p>Shonagh Lindsay from Auckland Transport made a presentation to the Panel at the 22 February 2016 meeting relating to the new rail link works around Britomart and Albert Street.</p> <p>Resolution made at the 22 February Panel meeting to invite Auckland Transport to provide an update in respect of their input into council's Disability Operational Action Plan at a future panel meeting. This to be followed up by officers.</p> <p>Jacki Dawson from Auckland Transport will be presenting to the Panel on 30 May 2016</p>
Auckland Design Manual – Universal Access	Input into Auckland Design Manual and Universal Access considerations.	Council and CCO	Auckland Design Office Council and CCOs	Auckland Design Office Council and CCOs	SAP	Ongoing	<p>Panel Members Don McKenzie and John Herring will continue to be the Panels spokes persons on universal design and will liaise with appropriate Council staff involved with universal design and the design manual.</p> <p>Claire Wilson the new Principal Specialist Universal Access and Design was introduced to the Panel at its December 2015 meeting and gave an update on her role and future relationship with the Panel.</p>
	Discussion concerning forward planning with the Principal Specialist Universal Access and Design.		Auckland Design Office	Council and CCOs	SAP	April 2016	Claire Wilson will make a presentation to Panel at its April meeting on 4 April 2016.
Community Summit	Engagement in the next steps from the Community Summit held on 16 October 2015		Council and CCOs	Council and CCOs	SAP	Ongoing	Panel members attended the Summit held on the 16 October 2015

Key Programmes and Priorities	Sub-programmes	Other key agencies or relevant council policies and strategies	Delivery	Implementation	Overlap with other Panels	Planned date	Progress to 30 May 2016
Post Community Summit	Panel requested ongoing discussions with Panuku Development Auckland		Panuku Development Auckland	Panuku Development Auckland	SAP	Ongoing	<p>Initial contact person established within Panuku - Brenna Waghorn Principal Specialist Project Planning Strategic Planning Strategy & Engagement Directorate. Update was provided to the Panel meeting on 22 February 2016. Panuku are also working closely with the Seniors Advisory Panel on the common themes that emerged from the Community Summit.</p> <p>Panuku Development Auckland is implementing the relevant actions in the Disability Action Plan and will provide a further update when the Corporate Responsibility Framework has been adopted, later in the year.</p>
Disability Operational Action Plan	Engagement in the completion of the Disability Operational Action Plan		CSP	Council and CCOs	SAP	Workshop in November 2015 Ongoing	<p>The Panel provided comment on the draft Disability Operational Action Plan at its meeting on 2 November 2015. The final version was presented to the Panel on 14 December 2015. Arrangements are being made by Community and Social Policy to transfer the Plan to Arts, Community and Events to operationalise the actions within the Plan.</p>
Disability Operational Action Plan Implementation	The Panel requested that the Arts, Community and Events disability portfolio holder report to each meeting of the Panel on progress and outcomes achieved and to receive feedback and support from the Panel.		Arts, Community and Events	Arts, Community and Events	SAP	Ongoing	<p>Arrangements are being made by Community and Social Policy to transfer the Plan to Arts, Community and Events to operationalise the actions within the Plan.</p> <p>The ACE disability portfolio holder will commence reporting to the Panel at its meeting on 4 April 2016</p> <p>The Arts, Community and Events disability portfolio holder presented a report to the Panel on 4 April 2016. There will be subsequent reporting at each of the remaining Panel meetings.</p>
Empowered Communities Model	Receiving regular updates from the Community Empowerment Unit on progress with the Empowered Communities Model		Arts, Community and Events	Arts, Community and Events	Other Panels	Attendance by CEU at each Panel meeting	<p>ACE to advise which staff member will be attending the Panel meetings.</p> <p>The first update will be provided at the Panel meeting of 14 December 2015.</p> <p>An update on the Empowered Communities Model was presented to the Panel on 4 April 2016.</p>
Civil Defence	Providing a disability perspective to Civil Defence Plans		CDEM	CDEM	Other Panels	Ongoing	<p>Presentation made by CDEM to the Panel in September 2015.</p> <p>Further presentation to be made at the 4 April 2016 Panel meeting seeking feedback on the Draft Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group Plan</p>

Key Programmes and Priorities	Sub-programmes	Other key agencies or relevant council policies and strategies	Delivery	Implementation	Overlap with other Panels	Planned date	Progress to 30 May 2016
Demographics	Produce some key statistics in a useable form from the Statistics New Zealand Disability Survey for Panel Members		RIMU			August 2016	Further meetings have been held with RIMU.
General	Actions completed 1 November 2015 to September 2016						
Disability Operational Action Plan							The Disability Operational Action Plan was completed by Community and Social Policy in December 2015

